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FOR ANDREWS FROM WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE BURST OF OFFICIAL-INFORMALS OVER THE WEEKEND  
WAS IMPRESSIVE, SERVING AGAIN AS A REMINDER--IF ONE BE  
NEEDED--OF THE USEFULNESS OF THE MEDIUM.

2. A FEW QUICK NOTES ON ITEMS COVERED IN THOSE MESSAGES:  
(A) ON THE FORRESTAL, WE WILL AWAIT THE MESSAGE, BUT  
CONTINUE TO FEEL, AS WE HAVE, THAT THERE IS NO NEED  
FOR FLIGHT OPS BOTH WAYS. (CAN YOU, BY THE WAY, FIND  
OUT WITHOUT RAISING DUST WHAT THE PATTERN OF FLIGHT  
OPS HAS BEEN IN PAST CARRIER PORT CALLS? OUR IMPRESSION  
IS THAT IN-AND-OUT FLIGHT OPS HAVE NOT BEEN THE NORM.)  
(B) ON ALABASTER WITNESSES, WE WILL RAISE THIS AT FSFA  
IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS, BUT ASSUME THAT THE ACTION  
REQUEST WAS MADE IN WASHINGTON. (C) ON BRAGDON HOUSING,  
PLEASE TELL HIM THAT WE WILL SUPPLY A TWO-BEDROOM  
APARTMENT AND THAT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARE WELCOME.  
PLEASE ALSO TELL HIM THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR  
COMING (BOB AND I HAVE KNOW EACH OTHER FOR YEARS).  
(D) WE ARE SENDING A MESSAGE TO MAQUIRE ON THE ALIMI CASE  
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AS YOU SUGGEST. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL  
ENCOURAGE H TO BE MORE FORCEFUL THAN I TAKE IT THEY HAVE  
BEEN IN REMINDING MAQUIRE THAT WE ARE NOT A BUCH OF  
INCOMPETENTS AND THAT WE HAD NOT WAITED UNTIL HE KICKED  
US BEFORE TAKING ON THE PROBLEM. ALSO, SOMEONE OUGHT TO  
TELL HIM WHAT THE LIMITS OF OUR (AND GOY) FLEXIBILITY ARE.

3. WE WERE--AS I AM SURE YOU WERE--CHAGRINED TO LEARN (USUN 1311) OF THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION COUNSELOR. IN KEEPING WITH THE CURRENT ERA OF GOOD FEELING HERE, STARCEVIC HAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED IT TO US. IN ANY EVENT, WE TRUST THAT NEW YORK'S FINEST WILL BE IMPELLED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND TO BE SEEN TO BE LOOKING INTO IT.

4. WE ARE ENGAGED IN NAMING A REPLACEMENT FOR THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HERE, CURRENTLY THE EMBASSY'S CULTUREAL ATTACHE. AS WE LOOK AT POSSIBLE CHOICES (WHO MUST HAVE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL. JOHN O'KEEFE SEEMS A LIKELY CANDIATE. THE JOB REQUIRES ACCOUNTING EXPERTISE LESS THAN SOME INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF MANAGING AND OVERSEAS SCHOOL, OF WHICH JOHN SURELY SAW SOMETHING IN MOSCOW. WOULD YOU PLEASE ASK HIM IF HE WOULD FEEL ABLE TO SERVE?

5. OUR RECREATION ASSOCIATION HAS JUST HIRED A NEW GENERAL MANAGER, ONE COLONEL (RET) RALPH SCHWARTZ, OF WHOM WE LEARNED FROM AN OFFICE IN A. WE NOW HAVE TO GET HIM HERE FROM FLORIDA, INCLUDING SURFACE AND AIR SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS AND SHIPMENT OF A CAR AT ASSOCIATION EXPENSE. WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS WORD TO GEORGE JENKINS (OPR/ST) THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF GIVING HIS NAME TO COL. SCHWARZ FOR SUCH ADVICE  
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AND ASSISTANCE AS HIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE. IF OPR/ST CAN, IN FACT, UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION ON OUR BEHALF, THE ASSOCIATION (VIA THE EMBASSY) WILL, OF COURSE, REIMBURSE.

6. NOW THAT DARRYL SEEMS TO BE MAKING GOOD HIS THREAT TO VISIT US NEXT MONGH, WE ARE PREPARED TO PREPARE FOR HIM. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY IN HIS LETTER OF APRIL 4 LOOKS FINE (ALTHOUGH WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WANTS TO SPEND ALL THAT TIME IN ROMANIA BEFORE COMING HERE), AND WE WILL PLAN TO PUT AN EMBASSY TAIL ON HIM FOR HIS TRAVELS. THE AMBASSADOR AND I FLIPPED FOR WHERE DARRYL WILL STAY, AND THE AMBASSADOR LOST, SO HE WILL STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. WHEN HE LETS US KNOW WHERE AND WHEN WE WILL LOOK FOR HIM AT THE RIVERBANK OR THE STATION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL START ON THE INTERNAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

7. AS DARRYL MAY LEARN WHILE HERE, ONE OF OUR FESTERING MORALE PROBLEMS IS THE OUTSIDE NOISE WHICH INVADES ONE BLOCK OF EMBASSY APARTMENTS IN THE COMPOUND. AFTER ELABORATE-AND UNFORTUNATELY PROTRACTED--STUDY, WE HAVE SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO FBO (EMBASSY MEMORANDUM DATED MARCH 24, 1978) FOR SOUNDPROOFING THE WINDOWS. WE

WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EUR/EX WOULD TRY TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL.  
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